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rary restraining order,¹⁹ (6) accept assurances of discontinuance or stipulation,²⁰ (7) impose penalties or sanctions,²¹ and (8) adopt regulations that may be necessary to administer the provisions of the Trade Regulation and Practices Act.²² Finally, Chapter 365 permits the Director of the Department of Commerce to delegate these powers and duties to any person under the Director's immediate supervision and instruction.²³

19. *Id.* §598.530(1) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 365, §8, at 883).

20. *Id.* §598.540(2) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 365, §9, at 884). See generally Struve, *Consumer Fraud and Acceptance of Assurances of Discontinuance by Nevada District Attorneys*, 39 NEV. ST. B. J. 15, (1974).

21. NEV. REV. STAT. §598.640 (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 365, §13, at 885). The statutes proscribing use of deceptive trade practices contemplate injunctions against use of such practices and not injunctions which prohibit an individual from engaging in a particular occupation or business. See generally *State ex rel List v. AAA Auto Leasing and Rental, Inc.*, 93 Nev. 483, 568 P.2d 1230 (1977).

22. NEV. REV. STAT. §598.520; (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 365, §7(1), at 883); see NEV. REV. STAT. §§598.360-640 (Trade Regulation and Practices Act).

23. 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 365, §3, at 881.

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NEV. REV. STAT. §449.243 (amended).
AB 392 (Sedway); 1983 STAT. Ch 267

Existing law permits any licensed¹ hospital² to use the Uniform Billing and Claims Forms established by the American Hospital Association.³ With the enactment of Chapter 267, however, the unlimited use of these forms by a hospital is restricted.⁴ Hospitals now must provide patients with a billing that itemizes charges for services, equipment, supplies and medicines.⁵ These individual charges must be specifically described and listed in language that is understandable to an ordinary lay person.⁶ Furthermore, these billings must be provided to the patient at no additional cost.⁷

1. NEV. REV. STAT. §449.030 (license required).

2. *Id.* §449.012 (definition of hospital).

3. *Id.* §449.243.

4. Compare *id.* (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 267 §1, at 649) with 1975 Nev. Stat. c. 527, §4, at 897 (enacting NEV. REV. STAT. §449.243).

5. 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 267 §1(2), at 649.

6. *Id.* c. 267, §1(2), at 649.

7. *Id.*